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The annual meeting of the Forest History Foundation, Inc., will be held in St. Paul, Minn., April 23, immediately preceding the three-day meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, April 24-26. At this time the Foundation's President, Theodore C. Blegen, Dean of the Graduate School, University of Minnesota, will announce the names of the newly elected Fellows of the Foundation, and present their Certificates of Award. Fellows of the Foundation are designated for their outstanding literary, scientific, or philanthropic contributions in the field of forest history. Previously elected were Samuel Trask Dana, Dard Hunter, and posthumously, William B. Greeley and F.E. Weyerhaeuser.

The following day, April 24, the Foundation and Phi Alpha Theta, national honor society in history, will co-sponsor a joint session luncheon at the Nicollet Hotel as a part of the M. V. H. A. program. Dr. Thomas Clarke, President of both the M. V. H. A. and Phi Alpha Theta, will preside over a program which should be of interest not only to historians, but also to businessmen and others interested in business history. Dr. James S. Silver, University of Mississippi, will present his experiences in "The Writing of Business History," and Dean Blegen will speak briefly on the work of the Foundation.

REGIONAL OFFICE--The FHF has established an office for eastern and southern United States and Canada at 202 Landon Street, Syracuse, N. Y. It will be manned by Charles D. Bonsted, who replaces Bruce C. Harding as the Foundation's field representative. Bruce left December 1 to accept the position of State Superintendent of Records for Ohio.

From 1948 to 1953, Bonsted, an assoc. professor of forest extension, N. Y. State College of Forestry, Syracuse, instructed forestry students in public information methods, and served as technical and popular publications editor. More recently he managed the New York City new bureau of the American Forest Products Industries, Inc.

RECORDS REPORT--The personal papers of the late Henry S. Graves, first Dean of the Yale School of Forestry, and U. S. Chief Forester, 1910-1920, have been given to the Yale Library, New Haven, Conn. They comprise pamphlets, articles, clippings, photographs and negatives, notes for articles and class lectures, correspondence, and diaries, 1910-1947. The diaries are of special interest to historians because they contain Mr. Graves' personal opinions on many controversial subjects.

Baker Library, Harvard University, now has ready for use the records of Turners Falls Lumber Co., 1872(1867) -1908, Turners Falls, Mass. The 18 volumes and 2 cases comprise "account books, letters and other records of one of the largest firms bringing spruce logs down the Connecticut River."

The Oregon Historical Society, Portland, has just received records of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association (1909-1940) including a "large body of research records per-

taining to national and state forest law and policy and procedure in forestry affairs." Other recent OHS acquisitions include papers of the A. B. Hammond Co., Bridal Veil Lumber Co., Silver Falls Timber Co., Western Timber Co., Fir Tree Timber Co., and Wind River Lumber Co.

At a meeting of the California Committee, January 3, Chairman Emanuel Fritz announced that the committee had obtained and turned over to Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, several files from The Pacific Lumber Company relating to sales for state parks, records of the Redwood Manufacturers' Company, and some smaller collections. Through the efforts of Dr. Fritz, records of the recently dissolved E. K. Wood Lumber Company are also going to Bancroft.

Lucile Kane, Minnesota Historical Society manuscripts curator, sent word that three Stillwater, Minn. collections will be ready for use March 1. These are the James Mulvey, Bronson & Folsom, and David Tozer Papers.

WANTED-COMPANY HISTORIES--The Stanley Works for the second year is sponsoring an essay contest for the senior class of New Britain (Conn.) High School on "The Role of Industry in the Development of America." Companies having printed histories or other materials that might aid students in writing essays are invited to send them to James F. Roche, The Stanley Works, New Britain, Conn., for inclusion in a collection in the high school library.

EMPIRE STATE--Mr. Bonsted met with a small group at Ithaca to lay plans for formal organization of a N. Y. forest history committee, but because of bad weather and deep snow, they decided to delay action until spring.

At the annual meeting of the Empire State Forest Products Association in Albany, January 16, the main speaker was Howard A. Hanlon, President of Cotton & Hanlon, and also President of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association. Indicative of the growing interest in forest history, Mr. Hanlon's address traced the development of forest use in the state from the 17th century.

STEAM SCHOONER SAVED--The 42-year old lumber schooner TONGASS, last survivor of the famous Pacific Coast steam schooners, narrowly escaped being broken up for scrap recently. Only hours before expiration of the offer to sell, California state park officials were authorized to purchase the ship. The TONGASS will be repaired and towed to San Francisco where she will eventually form part of a floating museum of historical ships at Aquatic Park

NEW ENGLAND NOTES--The Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, Vt., is reconstructing an old up-and-down sawmill, while Old Sturbridge Village, Mass., plans to put machinery in its sawmill, and to construct a colonial paper mill. Lumber from the sawmill would be used in construction in the Village, and the paper would be made into stationery for sale at the Handicraft Shop.

New England suffers for lack of record storage space. Its collecting institutions have little room left for the records of the recent past, or for the business records that only lately have interested historians. In addition they lack funds to adequately process collections. Neither Maine nor New Hampshire have state archivists. Consequently important state records, including those of forestry and forest industries, risk loss or destruction.

COMPLETED ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS

This briefly annotated list of the Foundation's oral history interviews is presented in two parts. First are those interviews which were done when this program was in its early experimental stages. Their deficiencies are by no means the fault of the person interviewed; they reflect the inexperience of FHF personnel with a new research medium. The second part comprises the interviews done concurrently with and subsequent to Helen McCann White's SURVEY OF FOREST HISTORY RESOURCES FOR THE ST. CROIX RIVER VALLEY (Minnesota and Wisconsin), done for the Foundation in the summer and fall of 1955. In addition to being a pilot study in seeking out manuscript sources of a prescribed forested area, this FHF survey attempted a critical analysis of the whole process of oral history interviewing from selection of the interviewee to preparation of the final edited copy of the interview. As a result of this very thorough study, the whole oral history program was reevaluated and reformulated. The results were published in an article by Mrs. White, "Thoughts on Oral History," in the AMERICAN ARCHIVIST, January 1957.

As other interviews are completed, and there are currently seventeen in process, they will be described in future issues of the NEWSLETTER.

BROBACK, Clarence W. Redwood City, Cal., 1953. 9 p. JWL. (1)*
Union Lumber Company: timekeeper, yard and shipping foreman; active in developing grading rules for redwood.
General information regarding the operations of the Union Lumber Company; wages and hours c. 1904; milling, finishing, grading, selling and shipping redwood; problems with redwood; mill improvements; tanoak bark.
(1900-1953)

CAPLAZI, Paul. Stillwater, Minn., 1954. 4 p. JWL. (2)
Some description of Stillwater, and Caplazi's father's work as a carpenter at Stillwater and for the army at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. (1854-1878)

CARR, Silas B. Gualala, Cal., 1953. 2 p. JWL. (1)
Gualala Redwood Company: forester.
Very brief resume of operations in the Gualala River area. (1868-c.1945)

COLE, Harry W. San Francisco, Cal., 1953. 4 p. JWL. (1)
Bronson and Weston Lumber Company; Little River Redwood Company: manager; Hammond Lumber Company.
Brief statement of beginnings of Hammond operations; Bronson and Weston operations in Ottawa, Ont.; Bronson's purchase and development of the Little River Company, and merger with Hammond in 1930s. No discussion or elaboration.
(1840s, 1900-1953)

DEVEREAUX, Dred Dardford. Diboll, Tex., 1954. 15 p. JWL. (4)
Carter Lumber Company, Southern Pine Lumber Company: bridger and builder.
Some information on working conditions and camps of So. Pine Company; a little on building and maintaining railroads and bridges, and on changes in logging and building methods; tells where power plant and machinery at Diboll came from, and describes moving equipment to Diboll.
(1898-1954)

* Interviewers: JWL - John W. Larson, HMW - Helen McCann White, ERM - Elwood R. Maunder, BCH - Bruce C. Harding. A copy of each interview was retained by the Foundation, and other copies were sent to the interviewee, the companies or organizations for which he worked, and to one or more regional libraries, as indicated by the numbers in parenthesis after the interviewer's initials. The key to the repositories follows the interviews.

DEXTER, Walter E. Libby, Mont., 1953. 10 p. JWL. (2, 5, 6)
Shevlin, Clark, Carpenter and Co.: worked in lath and shingle mill, superintendent of sawmill at Minneapolis and St. Hilaire, Minn; J. Neils Lumber Company: sawmill supt. Cass Lake, Minn., and Libby, Mont.
Brief description of lumber operations in Nova Scotia in 1870s; lumbering in Minneapolis from mid'80s to turn of century, particularly Shevlin lath mill; conditions in Minneapolis at the time--life of a mill worker; building the J. Neils Libby mill. (1869-1953).

EITEL, George. St. Paul, Minn., 1952. ERM
Describes lumbering in the Wisconsin woods around the turn of the century. (1887-1952)

FARRINGTON, Mrs. Frank. Diboll, Tex., 1954. 16 p. JWL. (4)
Southern Pine Lumber Company.
This woman and her husband were invited to go to Diboll by Mr. Tom Temple for the "upbuilding" of the mill people, "socially, spiritually, and morally." She relates her experiences, accomplishments, and describes the town "before" and "after" as she sees it. (1903-1954)

FRASER, Frank. Fortuna, Cal., 1953. 4 p. JWL. (1)
Riverside Mill and Lumber Company: water carrier, spool tender, chain tender, ran 4-wheel gypsy locomotive; Pacific Lumber Company: ran bull donkey; Bayside Lumber Company: camp foreman; Hammond Lumber Company; contract logger.
Describes operations with donkey engines, both the little gypsy and the big bull donkey; a little on high rigging and incline railroad logging; wire rope; blacksmiths; nationality of crew; camps and recreation. (1898-1953)

FURLONG, A. T. (Jack). Fort Bragg, Cal., 1953. 9 p. JWL. (1)
Navarre Mill Company, Crescent City Mill, Albion Lumber Company, Dollar Mill at Usal, Greenwood Mill, Caspar Lumber Company: band saw filer; California Saw Works: salesman.
Interesting account of difficulties with early band saws and importance to mill of good saw filer; difficulties of travel along the Mendocino Coast; describes experiences traveling and selling saws--mentions type of mill at various locations. (1890-1953)

HEITMAN, Herman. Eureka, Cal., 1953. (1,2)
Billy O'Brien, Bemidji, Minn.: teamster; Simpson Lumber Company, Coos Bay, Ore.: fireman, ran Dolbeer donkey; Pacific Coast Construction Company, Touhy Brothers Construction Company: railroad building; Hammond Lumber Company, Ore. and Cal.: construction and maintenance.
Describes construction of railroads and logging trestles; compares different methods of logging in different regions, especially redwood, with reasons for differences; logging with chutes at Coos Bay, Ore.; building and moving logging camps; U.S. Army service: Spanish-American War, Philippine Islands, Boxer Rebellion, Leech Lake (Minn.) Indian uprising. (1879-1953)

HEXBERG, Caspar. San Francisco, Cal., 1953. 6 p. JWL. (1)
Acme Lumber Company, Union Lumber Company: freight, terminal, passenger agent and port captain.
Discussion of ships and shipping along the Mendocino Coast, especially by the Union Lumber Company. (1907-1953)

JOEL, Julius. Minneapolis, Minn., 1953. 6 p. JWL. (2)
Log skidder. Company not known.
Life and work in a logging camp in Upper Michigan. Interesting because this man worked in a camp at the turn of the century and has had no later logging experience. (1900-1902)

KENLEY, Dave. Lufkin, Tex., 1954. 5 p. JWL. (4)
Southern Pine Lumber Company: timber scaler, surveyor, head of Land-Timber Department.
Early history of company: description of cutting, hauling with oxen, timber

purchases, location of camps. (1894-1954)

LIBBEY, Howard. Arcata, Cal., 1953. 6 p. JWL. (1)
Arcata Redwood Company: president.
Interview deals mainly with handling and drying lumber. Formation of Redwood Manufacturing Co. and Redwood Sales Co. as cooperative venture by smaller redwood mills to handle drying of lumber for shipment, and sales in the East; changes in mills, in logging, and in handling lumber. (1913-1953)

MCCALLUM, Neil A. Point Arena, Cal., 1953. 5 p. JWL. (1)
General information regarding the lumber history of the area around Point Arena; transportation of ties and lumber; steel wedges; coastwise shipping. (1855-1953)

MILLER, Mrs. Elsie W. Samoa, Cal., 1953. 7 p. JWL. (1)
Hammond Lumber Company: former office worker; husband, Mauris (d.1955) fire chief.
Origin and history of town of Samoa and its development as a "company town"; shipbuilding at Samoa; Vance Lumber Company; growth of Hammond Company. (1874-1953)

NEILS, George. Libby, Mont., 1953. 6 p. JWL. (2, 5, 6)
J. Neils Lumber Company: Logging Manager.
Describes changes in logging methods from Minnesota to Montana, and introduction of new methods through the years in Montana; development of sustained yield program. (1919-1953)

NEILS, Walter. Libby, Mont., 1953. 9 p. JWL. (2, 5, 6)
J. Neils Lumber Company: Manager.
Formation of Thayer and Neils, Sauk Rapids, Minn.; J. Neils operations at Sauk Rapids and Cass Lake; move to Montana; opening new markets; expansion; hydroelectric plant; power line poles; box factory; new machinery. (1888-1953)

NICKEY, Samuel, Sr. Memphis, Tenn., 1953. 9 p. JWL. (12, 13, 14, 15)
Nickey Brothers, Inc.: president.
Hardwood operations in Indiana; quartersawing oak; operations in Tennessee; purchase of West Coast timber; plywood; sustained yield and farm woodlots. (1865-1953)

OLSEN, Captain Gudmund T. (Midnight). San Francisco, Cal., 1953. 4 p. JWL. (1)
Union Lumber Company: captain of coastal steam lumber schooner.
Very general discussion of coastal lumber shipping, loading, labor conditions; San Francisco earthquake. (1892-1952)

OLSON, L. J. Libby, Mont., 1953. 4 p. JWL. (2, 5, 6)
J. Neils Lumber Company: office clerk, office manager.
Some description of operations at Sauk Rapids, Minn.; move to Montana; growth and expansion of J. Neils Company. (1902-1953)

RUTLEDGE, P. J. Eureka, Cal., 1953. 10 p. JWL (1, 16)
Dolbeer and Carson Lumber Company: from water-buck to general superintendent.
Very fine description of early redwood logging with considerable detail on tree falling, and transporting logs from the woods. (1850-1953)

SINCLAIR, Orrin W. Ellensburg, Wash., 1954. 10 p. JWL. (2, 17)
Ellensburg Lumber Company: manager.
Family background in lumber industry in Minnesota; beginning of operations in Washington of Cascade Lumber Company, building log boom. (1850-c.1905)

STEWART, E. J. Eureka, Cal., 1953. 8 p. JWL. (1)
Eel River Valley Lumber Company; Dolbeer and Carson Lumber Company: from lumber handler to general superintendent.
Description of early redwood logging methods; Eel River Valley Lumber Co. mill at Newburg; Dolbeer Carson mill and yard, changes and improvements. (1880-1953)

THOMPSON, Clyde. Diboll, Texas, 1954. 9 p. JWL. (4)
Southern Pine Lumber Company: purchasing agent, logging superintendent.
Logging camps; selective logging; changes in methods. (c. 1917-1954)

WEEKS, Robert. Lufkin, Tex., 1953. 4 p. JWL. (4)
Southern Pine Lumber Company: planer foreman.
Describes logging with oxen and early mill buildings at Diboll; living conditions; company checks. (1894-1944)

PART II

CARLGREN, Maud M. and MINEAU, Hope G. Taylors Falls, Minn., 1955. 27 p. HMW. (2, 3)
Old residents of St. Croix Valley.
This interview contains a great deal of background information about the early settlers of the St. Croix Valley, including the early lumbermen. (1844-1955)

DULANEY, George W., Jr. La Jolla, Cal., 1956. 37 p. ERM. (2, 7, 8, 9)
Empire Lumber Company, Eclipse Lumber Company: officer and stockholder.
This is a lengthy and highly informational interview. Presents the lumbermen's attitude toward the timber situation; describes in considerable detail building of lumber rafts, and rafting on the Chippewa and Mississippi Rivers; briefly discusses some of the leaders of the industry--Frederick Weyerhaeuser, John Watzek, Mark Fleishel, Henry Hardtner; James J. Hill; Hoo Hoo; lumber trade associations, particularly NLMA and Wilson Compton; lumberyards, especially development of line yards; selling to the consumer; other companies in which the Dulaneys were interested; lumber industry financing--timber bonds; timber cruising; building a logging railroad; personal political views, including appraisal of recent presidents of the U.S.; interest in Piney Woods School; some family history; automobile trip in 1904. (1870-1956)

KELLOGG, Royal S. Palmetto, Fla., 1955. 54 p. ERM. (10, 11, 18, 19)
Division of Forestry; Forest Service; Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Assoc., National Lumber Manufacturers' Assoc., Newsprint Service Bureau: exec. secretary.
The interview reviews Kellogg's experiences as a forester and trade association executive; he discusses and evaluates events and people such as: Gifford Pinchot, C. A. Schenck, Bernhard E. Fernow, Raphael Zon, William B. Greeley, Richard McArdle, Henry S. Graves, John Burke, Matt Burns, forestry movement, Forest Service, surveying for Forest Reserves, early forestry schools, collecting forest products statistics, trade associations, American Forest Congress (1905), Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Assoc., National Lumber Manufacturers' Assoc., Newsprint Service Bureau, Ballinger-Pinchot dispute, grading and marketing lumber, NRA, newsprint industry, Society of American Foresters, Clarke-McNary Act, Canadian-American Joint Textbook Committee. (1880-1955)

MINEAU, Wirt. St. Croix Falls, Wis., 1955. 17 p. HMW. (2, 3)
Worked for C. E. Mullen, Lee Hammond, Nevers Dam Company, Nels Simonson.
Interview consists mainly of stories from the lumber camps; some information about St. Croix Valley (Wis.) lumber industry. (c.1895-1955)

O'NEILL, Maggie Orr. St. Croix Falls, Wis., 1955. 18 p. HMW. (2, 3)
Assisted with cooking in father's logging camp. James Orr probably logged for Walker, Judd and Veazie.
Very good description of life in a logging camp; getting supplies ready and going to camp; relations with local Indians. (1880-1890)

SCHLENK, Hugo. Cloquet, Minn., 1955. HMW. (2)
Northern Lumber Company, Cloquet Lumber Company, Northwest Paper Company: secretary.

Describes Stillwater, Minn., in the early days; Schulenberg Boeckeler and Company; mentions Cloquet fire; C. N. Nelson and C. N. Nelson Company. (1840-1940)

KEY: (1) Bancroft Library, U. of Cal., Berkeley; (2) Minn. Hist. Soc., St. Paul; (3) Wis. Hist. Soc., Madison; (4) Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches, Tex.; (5) Hist. Soc. of Mont., Helena; (6) U. of Mont. Library, Missoula; (7) Western Historical Ms. Collection, U. of Mo., Columbia; (8) Winona Hist. Soc. Winona, Minn.; (9) Nat. Lumber Mfrs. Assoc., Washington, D. C.; (10) Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.; (11) Amer. Paper and Pulp Assoc., New York, N.Y.; (12) Tenn. Hist. Soc., Nashville; (13) U. of Tenn. Library, Knoxville; (14) Miss. Lumber Archives, U. of Miss., Oxford; (15) U. of Ind. Library, Bloomington; (16) Humboldt Co. Hist. Soc., Eureka, Cal.; (17) Wash. State College Library, Pullman; (18) School of Forestry Library, U. of Fla., Gainesville; (19) Southern Business Hist. Center, Fla. State U., Tallahassee.

PROGRESSIVISM AND CONSERVATION was the title of a section on forest history at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Society at San Francisco, December 28, 1957. Two papers were read, one by Lawrence Rakestraw, Michigan College of Mining and Technology, "Light-burning in Oregon and California: A Comparative Study in Regional Forest Administration," the other by Elmo Richardson, University of Kansas, "Conservation: The Western Progressives Dilemma, 1910-1912." Commentators were Harold S. Hyman, UCLA, who also chaired the session, Edgar A. Hornig, San Jose State College (Cal.), and Elwood R. Maunder, Director of the FHF.

CUT-OVER LANDS--The Minnesota Historical Society wishes to locate Minnesota firms which dealt in cut-over lands from about 1890 to 1930. Charles A. Fuller, a volunteer worker, is conducting the survey and hopes to find still existent business records which can be inventoried and perhaps turned over to the MHS. Anyone knowing of such firms or records is urged to contact Mr. Fuller at the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul 1.

EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY--FHF field representative Bonsted attended a Community Relations Institute of the Ohio paper industry at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, January 23. In the principal address, the University's President, Dr. John D. Millet, stressing the interdependence of education and industry in serving youth, pointed out that universities need the record of industrial experience in preparing students for both business and civic usefulness.

Increasing efforts are being made by historians, archivists, librarians, and lumber and paper officials to build up business history source materials of the Buckeye State. Both the University of Miami, where for some years Dean W. E. Smith of the Graduate School has been collecting records relating to the economic history of the Miami Valley, and the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, Cincinnati, are increasing their manuscript collecting activities. Richard G. Arms, the Society's new director, stated, "We feel that the future of the Society's service lies increasingly in manuscript resources.

MUSEUMS--The Foundation would like to compile a list of logging, lumbering, paper and forestry museums. If you know of any would you please write us about them? We would like the name,

location, size, contents, name of owner, any admission charge, date established, and anything else of interest.

CONSERVATION LIBRARY--Montana State University, Missoula, whose library is an FHF repository, has been authorized by the Montana Legislature to establish a Conservation Library. This library will collect the "literature pertaining to or useful for conservation studies" including the ephemera which are so easily lost--pamphlets, bulletins, reports of organizations.

ALABAMA LUMBERING--Richard W. Massey, Jr., Vanderbilt University, is writing his Ph.D. dissertation on the Alabama lumber industry, 1880-1914. If you have pertinent information, write him at 54 Cherokee Road, Birmingham.

FOLKLORE--Kenneth R. Walker, President of the Paul Bunyan Lumber Co., Susanville, Cal., writes that his company still has copies of PAUL BUNYAN AND HIS BIG BLUE OX, the last Bunyan booklet put out by the Red River Lumber Company in 1944.

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